

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 10, 15, 25, and 26 being independent. Claims 21-26 have been added by this preliminary amendment, which do not add any new subject matter.


Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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